

HALLOWED BE THY NAME

Mt 6:9, Mt 12:35-37; Ex 3:13-15; Ex 20:7; Is 6:3; Ps 145:17; I Peter 1:13-16;

I. BIBLICAL NAMES for GOD: divine Person

- A. **EL: Elohim:** creator, powerful, mighty; **El-Elyon:** most high God, exalted; **El-Gibhor:** mighty God, mighty to save; **El-Olam:** everlasting God, eternal; **El-Roi:** strong one Who sees, hears, knows; **El-Shaddai-Rohi:** almighty God, uniquely, One, Creator; **El-Chuwl:** God who gave birth, fatherly creator, loving; **El-Deah:** God of knowledge, wisdom
- B. **JHWH/JAHWEH/JEHOVAH**(Ex 3:13-15)—most definitive name; “I AM WHO I AM;” **Jehovah-jireh:** Jehovah Sees (Gn 22:14); **Jehovah-nissi:** Jehovah is my banner (Ex 17:15); **Jehovah-shalom:** Jehovah is my peace (Judg 6:24); **Jehovah-shammah:** Jehovah is there (Ez 48:35)
- C. **THEOS** (Greek) throughout NT
- D. **GOD/LORD** (English): supreme or ultimate reality; the Being perfect in power, wisdom, goodness
- E. Romano Guardini: “*Name* in the original sense means more than a mere designation: it embodies the essential nature of the person named” (*The Lord’s Prayer*; p. 32).
- F. Maury Maverick (who coined the word gobbledygook): “A man’s language is a very important part of his conduct. He should be held morally responsible for his words just as he is accountable for his other acts.”

II. HOLINESS (*qodesh*) of GOD: intrinsic, essential to His BEING is holiness

- A. Unique (one-of-a-kind), wholly other (transcendent)
 - 1. C.S. Lewis: “a Particular Thing,” like the Rock of Gibraltar or Half Dome
 - 2. “No other gods” allowed, worshipped—essence of Monotheism
- B. Whole: integrating all that makes God God; Thomas Oden: “God’s holiness consummates and harmonizes all the other divine characteristics.”
 - 1. His Character, Who He Is: Good, pure, benevolent; Thomas Oden: “to say God is holy is to say nothing other than to say that God is perfect in goodness”
 - 2. His Activity, What He Does: holy love—Ps 145:17
 - 3. His Standard/standards, What He Requires: I Peter 1:13-16
- C. Glorious, radiant, beautiful
 - 1. Moses at Mt Sinai & Jesus on Mt of Transfiguration
 - 2. Awe at Grand Canyon, thunderstorm,

III. HALLOWING (holifying, sanctifying) HIS NAME

- A. “The meaning of this first petition, therefore, is, May thy existence be universally believed; thy perfections revered, loved, and imitated; thy works admired; thy supremacy over all things acknowledged; thy providence revered and confided in. May we, and all men, so think of thy divine majesty, of thy attributes, words, and works, and may we and they so express our veneration of thee, and subjection to thee, that thy glory may be manifested everywhere, to the utter destruction of all idolatry, sin, and misery” (Benson).
- B. Attention: eyes & ears—“he who has eyes, let him see . . . ears to hear, let him hear”
 - 1. Evident in ways we stare at superstars such as Tiger Woods
 - 2. Noting God’s Presence in all aspects of life, affirming His Existence
 - a. CSL: “We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade, the presence of God. The world is crowded with God. God walks everywhere incognito. ...The real labor is to remember, to attend. In fact, to come awake. Still more, to remain awake.”
 - b. Seeing, hearing, feeling Him in creation (His works); Bible (His words); Providence (history), personal experiences, conversations; books; music
- C. Affection: hearts warmed
 - 1. Evident in feelings expressed for admirable persons—e.g. Billy Mills
 - 2. Revering, loving, imitating His perfections
 - 3. Experiencing His Assurance—Jonathan Edwards: *Religious Affections*
- D. Adoration: lips—venerating, praising His divine majesty, goodness, grace
 - 1. Evident in ways we give ovations for great performances
 - 2. Praise commended throughout Psalms, Christian tradition—music, architecture, art
 - 3. St John: Revelation 4:8, 10-11